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RAGED IN MANY STATES

Several Hundred Killed, More than a Thousand Seriously Injured and Much Property Loss

HUNDREDS OF HOMES BLOWN AWAY

Tornadoes during Saturday and Sunday in the seven states in the middle west and south killed nearly 250 people, injuring more than 1,200, wrecked thousands of houses, killed hundreds of head of livestock and destroyed thousands of acres of timber and growing crops. The destruction began last Friday in Andale, Kan., where twenty-six people were killed and sixty injured.

Late Saturday a twister, probably the most severe in the series, struck the rich corn belt of Central Illinois, killing fifty-four persons and injuring perhaps 500 in Mattoon.

At Charleston, ten miles east of Mattoon, thirty-seven were killed and more than 150 injured. The property damage in the both cities is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Another destructive storm last Saturday crossed a territory approximately 100 miles north of the center of Illinois, reached into Northern Indiana and caused the loss of a dozen lives, the injury of more than 200 and heavy property damage.

The latest in the series of tornadoes started Sunday afternoon apparently in the vicinity of Willisville, in Southwestern Illinois, swept southward across the Ohio river into Kentucky, down the Mississippi into Arkansas and Tennessee, finally veering southward toward Alabama, where the storm apparently spent itself.

The dead in four Southern States is roughly estimated at 100, and injured between 100 and 200.

Later reports from the sections of Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama swept by a series of tornadoes Sunday, place the number of known to have lost their lives in the storm at 150 and the injured approximately at 500.

Southwestern Kentucky, reports received indicate, paid the heaviest toll in lives lost. In Fulton county, the southwestern tip of the state, 66 persons were killed and more than 100 injured. In Alabama the mining camps of Sayer, Bradford and Carbon reported 46 fatalities, and in Tennessee Tipton, Weakley, Henry, Perry, Dyer and Carroll counties reported 34 dead.

The property damage in Alabama was estimated at about \$1,000,000. No accurate estimate of the monetary loss in the other states is given, but it must have been heavy.

In Hickman and community more than thirty people were killed. On S. S. Dodd's plantation, seven miles below Hickman, fifteen, mostly negroes, were killed. Fourteen were killed in Graves county. At Clinton, Ky., reports five deaths, and twelve a Cypress, a near by village. Fifty houses were reported destroyed at Clinton, and fully forty people were more or less injured. Five were reported killed at Dublin and ten at Bardwell. At Bardwell it is said every business building in the town was destroyed.

Aid is given the homeless in all stricken districts and order is coming gradually out of the chaos that followed the destruction of lives and property.

The known dead and injured according to the states, compiled from revised and apparently au-

thentic reports Tuesday, were as follows:

Tennessee, 29 dead, 150 injured. Arkansas, 11 dead, 40 injured. Kentucky, 70 dead, 200 injured. Alabama, 50 dead, 200 injured. Illinois, 88 dead, 600 injured. Kansas, 26 dead, 65 injured. Indiana, 12 dead, 220 injured. Missouri, 1 dead, 12 injured.

Fuller reports received Tuesday raised the total of deaths in Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky. The same reports cut down the toll of death in Illinois, while the lists in Kansas, Indiana and Missouri remained practically unchanged.

Reports from rescue parties and through opening of the wire service throughout the devastated areas in Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky indicated a total death list of 108 persons. The total number of injured is estimated at 390.

Of the dead in the three states, Tennessee is known to have a fatality list of 29, Arkansas 11 and Kentucky 70. The injured in Tennessee number 150, in Arkansas 70 and in Kentucky 200.

The greatest number of dead is reported from Kentucky, which apparently bore the heaviest loss from the tornado Sunday afternoon.

Hickman's death list remains as indicated Monday, with 31 dead and 60 injured.

Rose—Wilson

Rev. John Rose and Miss Lena Wilson, of Fulton, Ky., came to Huntingdon Tuesday morning and were married at the home of Rev. George S. Price, the ceremony being said by Rev. Price. They left on the 11 o'clock train. We understand that Rev. Rose has joined the navy, but they decided to marry before he was called into service.

BRISTOL TO MEMPHIS

Important Meeting to be Held at Huntingdon Soon

Mayor A. M. Lee is in receipt of a letter from W. H. Hayley, chairman good roads committee, stating that Jas. Palmer, president of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway, will, within the next two months, call a convention to be held at Huntingdon, of delegates living along the route of the highway between Memphis and the Tennessee river.

This road has been designated by the state highway commission as one of the eleven state roads to receive funds from the government federal aid act. The final allotment of these funds will depend upon the amount of interest manifested along the route.

This meeting should be well attended and we hope our Carroll county folks will do their part in making the meeting a success.

Notice

All members of Huntingdon Lodge, No. 106, F. and A. M. are hereby urged to be present at the next stated meeting of the lodge on Monday night, June 4, for reading of edicts.

R. F. DILDAY, W. M.
GORDON J. WILDER, Sec.

GOES TO JAIL

Lum Shoffner Fails to Make Heavy Bond

Lum Shoffner, colored, was tried here last Friday before A. M. Lee, United States commissioner, and was placed in jail upon failure to make bond in the sum of \$1,000.

Shoffner is being prosecuted by the federal government upon the charge of having in his possession merchandise taken from the United States mails. A large number of valuable articles, believed to have been parcel post packages, taken while in transit, were found in his possession. A number of these articles have been identified, and proof was amply sufficient to bind him over.

It is claimed that the value of the goods found in Shoffner's house in McKenzie is between \$400 and \$500, some of the articles being of a very fine quality.

Shoffner claims that he was only keeping the goods for another party. John Farris, colored, who worked around the depot in McKenzie for many years, helping to transfer mail from one train to another and to deliver mail to and from the postoffice, is said to be implicated with Shoffner. Farris has left the country.

Shoffner was under bond already in a large sum, in both the state and federal courts.

CARROLL IS HIT HARD

Tornado Sunday Afternoon Kills Six People, Wrecks Homes, Destroys Much Property

PATH EXTENDS THROUGH ENTIRE COUNTY

A cyclone struck Carroll county last Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, laying waste to practically everything in its path. It was perhaps the most destructive storm that ever hit this county.

Six people were killed, many injured and a number of homes demolished. The cyclone first struck the western portion of the county, below Trezevant, and extended through the entire county, passing into Henry county near Vale. Its path, through the county, was marked by its destructive force. Dwelling houses, barns and outbuildings, timber and fences, were laid waste and the property damage in the storm-swept district was heavy, several families being left destitute.

The dead are Milton L. Couch, aged 70; Mrs. Milton L. Couch, aged 60; Mrs. Caroline Green, aged 88; Mrs. William Asa Green, aged about 45, and two negro children. The Couch family resided about one mile and a half northwest of Trezevant, the two Green women lived in Caruthersville, Mo., but were visiting in the Couch home, having arrived there Sunday morning; the negro children lived on the farm of C. J. Wingo, near Trezevant. Entler Couch, only son of M. L. Couch, had one leg broken and was otherwise seriously injured.

In the Trezevant community, where the storm first hit the county, among the injured are:

Carl Walker, wife and children. Sam Weatherford, wife and four children.

Mrs. H. A. Walker and daughter, Mrs. Sallie Johnson.

Several houses in that neighborhood were blown down.

Bryant's brick residence was destroyed, but the family escaped injury. The residence and barns of

H. A. Walker were blown down, but none seriously injured. The home of Carl Walker was completely demolished. Sam Weatherford's home was completely demolished.

The storm next struck the Couch home, where the four persons were killed.

The three women killed were blown 100 yards from the residence site and were found lying within twenty feet of each other with life extinct. Mr. Couch lingered for several hours.

Much damage was done on both the C. J. and Mrs. J. J. Wingo farms. Several tenant houses on the C. J. Wingo farm, occupied by negroes, were demolished. Several negro children were injured, two being killed. Two large barns were blown down and Mr. Wingo's orchard was completely ruined.

Mrs. J. J. Wingo's home was badly damaged, large barn and outhouses unroofed and otherwise injured. The large shade trees and splendid orchard were demolished. One new buggy was ruined and another buggy damaged.

The storm next entered the Nineteenth district and struck the old Jas. Scott home, occupied by Lee Barker. Top taken off of the house and outbuilding demolished. One room, occupied by the family, not injured, and family escaped unhurt.

The J. C. Wilder place, 4-room building, occupied by Connie Barker and wife, was completely demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Barker crouched under a stairway and escaped serious injury. Everything they had in the house was swept out and ruined. They were left with practically nothing.

The old Wilder home, built 90 years ago, in which Sebe Reeder resided, a 7-room house, was completely demolished. There was nothing left standing. Mr. Reeder and his wife and two children were slightly hurt, but not seriously injured. Just how they escaped is inexplicable. The infant child was blown from its mother's arms, but regained, and was slightly bruised. The family was left almost destitute, their clothing and necessities of life being swept away.

The Wilder's school house, a splendid building, almost new, was completely wrecked, some of the timbers being carried 300 yards away. A preaching service which would have been in progress, at the hour of the storm at this place, was called in on account of the approaching clouds. This, no doubt, saved the lives of many, as a large crowd would likely have been in attendance.

Jack McAlexander's house was lifted off its foundation. Ed Coleman's barn was destroyed. Geo. Neal's outhouses and fine orchard were demolished. Jack Coleman's barn, chimney to his house and big cedar shade trees were blown down. Beve Scott's house was wrecked, but family escaped unhurt. The Homer Johnson place, occupied by Scrap Scott, was torn to pieces. The Colemans and Scotts lived close together, and all made for a storm house, which they reached in time for its protection, which doubtless saved them from injury. The tornado then swept through

Prison Term Penalty for Wilful Failure to Register

One year's sentence in the penitentiary is the penalty which will be imposed upon all men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, who wilfully fail to register for possible selective draft under the provisions of the new army bill on June 5, according to the proclamation signed and issued by President Wilson, which sets June 5 as the date for registration of all men in the nation with the exception of the territories.

The proclamation states that wilful failure to register will constitute a misdemeanor, and shall, "upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered."

The Grand Leader

One-Week Sale Women's Low Cut Shoes

On account of late delivery from the factory we were offered some concessions on Ladies Slippers. Hence this reduction for

ONE WEEK ONLY, STARTING SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Don't overlook the most important fact about this sale and that this—it's strictly a one week sale of several hundred pairs, and they are all this seasons slippers; high-standard products of some of the nation's best factories. The sale embraces Colonial Buckle Pumps, Pumps with and without straps, in all leathers.

\$5.00 slippers reduced to \$3.95 \$4.00 slippers reduced to \$3.45 \$3.00 slippers reduced to \$2.45 \$2.00 slippers reduced to \$1.75

NO PHONE ORDERS TAKEN—NO MAIL ORDERS FILLED
WE INVITE YOU

PRIEST & PRIEST

Three Ladies Tailored Suits in gold and apple green, \$25.00 and \$30.00 value, to close \$10.00 each

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